

# ROYAL CABELL TO SUCCEED CAPERS

## Postmaster Will Be Named as Commissioner of In- ternal Revenue.

## MEANS BIG FIGHT FOR HIS PLACE HERE

Rumor, Current in Richmond  
Confirmed on Highest Au-  
thority in Washington—Judge  
Pritchard Denies That He  
Took Part in Contest,  
as Reported.

Most reliable information  
Washington, Royal E. Cabell,  
postmaster at Richmond, will be named  
by President Taft to succeed John C.  
Capers, of South Carolina, as Com-  
missioner of Internal Revenue. Mr.  
Cabell declined absolutely last night  
to discuss the matter in any of the

phases, although it has been known in Republican circles here since Wednesday that he had been slated for the position. Later advices from the national capital indicated that he had been accepted.

The announcement of Mr. Cabel's appointment came as a distinct surprise to some of the Republicans.

to this city, though for the past few months there have been various rumors to the effect that he would be appointed an assistant to Postmaster-General Hitchcock, in which event there would be the promise of a lively contest here to succeed him as postmaster.

**Mentioned Also for Governor.** Just the other day reports came from the Southwest that the Virginia Republican would force him to accept the nomination for Governor, even after the announcement from his home

intimate friends some weeks ago that he would take no active part in the fight.

Indeed, he has been in the limelight continually since the election of Mr. Taft, a fact which is mainly due to his high standing and the regard in which the administration seems to have for his personal and political warfare.

The Washington correspondent of the Times-Dispatch telegraphed last night that he had the best authority for the statement that Mr. Capper would succeed Mr. Cappers, thus con-

firming the reports current here several days. Some reference was made in the dispatch to Judge Pritchard, but when Judge Pritchard was shown the story he denied with emphasis that he had taken any part whatever in the matter declared.

Various Republicans have been mentioned in the newspapers of late as possible successors to Mr. Capers, with most prominence given to out and out candidates from North Carolina. One or two Virginians were likewise brought into the running, though reference heretofore has been made to Mr. Cabell.

**The Washington Story.**

The following special dispatch came from the Washington correspondent of this newspaper last night:

"It is said here on good authority last night that Roy E. Cabell, postmaster at Richmond, has been tendered an appointment to succeed John G. Campers, of South Carolina, as commissioner of internal revenue. This means that a position allotted to North Carolina goes to Virginia. Some time ago it was published that S. B. Adams, chairman of the State Executive Committee of North Carolina, had been

Next to Cabinet Post. "It is asserted that Postmaster General Hitchcock and Duncan got McVeigh, Secretary of the Treasury, and the other members of the cabinet to sign a resolution of the Supreme Court Judge Pritchard, of the Circuit Court of Appeals. It is alleged, met Duncan in Richmond some time ago and caused this resolution to be signed. Pritchard are said to be the best of friends."

"The post, which is in the Treasury Department, pays about \$5,000 a year."

and is a most desirable one. Judge Pritchard was at the city yesterday, returning to Greensboro. Messrs. Deane and Hitchcock dined at the White House this evening. They were to discuss the North Carolina judgeship. It is believed that the judgeship will be given to Judge H. C. Dams that would, if he could see his way clear, appoint him district attorney to succeed Holton.

**Judge Pritchard Not a Party.**

With his alleged connection with the suggested appointment, Judge Pritchard last night made the following statement:

"The statement to the effect that I am director or indirect responsible for the suggested appointment of Cabell is wholly false. I have not

since nor communicated with Mr. Campbell since last February, and he has not been at any time intimated to me that he was a candidate for appointment under the administration, nor have I been consulted with Mr. Duncan or any other person else in regard to Mr. Cabell.

"I wish it to be distinctly understood that it is not my purpose to interfere with appointments to offices, and in my opinion, these annoying reports are inspired for political purposes. Owing to the position I occupy I have heretofore refrained from publishing such publications, but their frequency has reached that stage where

**Stands Well With Party.**  
Mr. Cabell has always been regarded as one of the foremost Republicans in Virginia. He has made a good record both in the organization from a political standpoint and in the conduct of the Richmond post-office, the service and efficiency there having commended itself to the public.

Prominent members of the party here have always said that he would be rewarded and that he could